

Title: The Falsity Of Virtue

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For centuries Umbra has ever been the target of disdain from its brother city, Luna. Those to the North and West of us have come to ascribe to us all manner of things evil. This, my brethren, is their mistake. They are, for lack of a better term, unenlightened. History is lost to them.

You see, long before Molly and the Court of Light came to this land, long before the wars were waged on us by the wretched paladins of Luna, all of Malas was peaceful. There were no Virtues in this facet.

At the moment that our moongates were connected to those of Lord British's contemptuous Virtue-sworn, that is the moment Malas lost it's unique identity. It became nothing more than prime real estate and commercialism.

The Virtuous of Trammel brought with them a plague, that these lands still suffer and rot from. Virtue.

Lord British's methods of control are absolute, at best, One can hardly fail to credit his logic. After all, what better way to control the masses, than by causing them to think that what they do is

Right, that it is Just.

But, they are hardly right, and seldom, if ever just.

The Virtues are a fraud!
A great hoax perpetrated by Lord British for two main reasons.

One, to impose an easily maintained system of right and wrong, to better control the masses. What better way to control someone than to instill feelings of guilt, if they do something considered "Unvirtuous"? The easiest way to maintain control is to instill self-control in your followers. In this, Lord British proves he is a wise, if tyrannical founder.

Two, the theory that when all the people in all the shards are virtuous, the shards shall rejoin, and heal the damaged Gem of Immortality shattered by the Stranger. In the book, "My Book", by acclaimed and recognized author, Sherry the Mouse, the Timelord comes to Lord British. He says to him the following:

"But not to here. When the Gem was shattered, a thousand shards were scattered across the dimensions, and in each shard there is a perfect likeness of this world. And thou dost live upon one such shard, for thou art not of the true world-thou art merely a reflection.

My task is to heal this shattered world, Lord

British, and I seek to
enlist thee in my cause.
Be warned that in this
case, healing carries with
it a terrible price.

A shard of a universe is
a powerful thing, and
universe shattered is
always in danger from
the powers of darkness.
Already three shards
were turned to evil, and
sent to plague the
original universe in the
form of Shadowlords.
Many times have I
brought the Stranger
back to Britannia, to
preserve it from its own
folly or from outside
dangers. Yet as long as
the world remaineth in
pieces, it remaineth
vulnerable. We must bring
the shards into harmony,
so that they resonate in
such a manner that
matches the original
universe. Then the two
universes shall merge, and
be again as one.

Indeed, the reflections
shall become one with the
orginal. Thou wouldst
cease to be as thou art,
and become part of the
larger you. Thou shalt not
die; however, uncounted
generations have passed
and borne children since
that day, and they have
no counterparts. They
would perish utterly.

Tis for the greater good.
Aid the nobility that
resideth in human heart.
Protect the Virtues that
so recently came to thee
in thought late at night.
They are the Virtues of
life, as your counterpart
understands them to be.
For when thy populace
doth live and breathe
these Virtues shall it

match the true Britannia,
and thy shard shall rejoin
with it."

And thus did the Timelord
sway Lord British into
further lusts for power,
by tempting him with a
whole and completed Gem
of Immortality. Such
greed has never been
seen before. Not even
Mondain organized such
mass death to acquire
the Gem.

And so, did these Virtues
make their way to our
land of Malas. They took
residence in Luna, and
spread south, to our
neighbors in Sanctus. But,
they will never reach
Umbra. We, alone, seem
strong enough to resist
the hypocrisy of such a
code.

I entreat to you all, take
up the anti-virtues, take
up chaos, take up
anything you can that will
oppose the Virtues. For
tis only then we can
ensure our survival.